

Norfolk

National Fish Hatchery



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Station Facts

- Established: 1957.
- Number of staff: nine permanent.
- Geographic area covered: Mitigation in eastern Oklahoma and the White River Basin in Northern Arkansas.
- Annual budget (FY98) \$560,000.

Station Goals

- Provide statutory mitigation fish for Eastern Oklahoma and the White River Basin in Northern Arkansas.
- Provide environmental education.

Fish Species and Capability

- Rainbow trout, cutthroat trout and brown trout.
- Present production is 400,000 lbs. annually, but will increase to 500,000 lbs.

Public Use

- 180,000 visitors annually.
- Hatchery tours.
- Off-site presentations.
- Fishing for the disabled and for those 15 and under in Dry Run Creek.

Calendar of Events

June: National Fishing week, Annual Fishing Derby.

Questions and Answers

What do you feed the fish?

We feed a commercially prepared diet produced specifically for trout. It contains all the essential elements necessary for growth and development.

Where do you get the eggs?

We do not have any brood stock at this hatchery. All of our eggs are shipped to us from broodstock hatcheries. Most of the eggs we receive come from Ennis, Montana; Erwin, Tennessee; and White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.

How many fish are in a raceway?
15,000-100,000 fish are in a raceway, depending on the size of the fish.

What kinds of fish do you raise?
Rainbow trout, brown trout and cutthroat trout.

What size are the fish when they are stocked?

Most of the fish are stocked when they are nine inches long. However, we also stock some six inch and 12" fish.